



## Backyard Weeds!

What is a weed? It's any plant that grows where you don't want it.

Below are some of the most common backyard weeds found in our part of New Jersey in Spring. Take a walk around your yard, your neighborhood, or one of the Morris County Parks to see what you can find.

Take a picture or check them off — if they are in your yard, go ahead and pull them up!

Once the Covid-19 Stay At Home is over and Education Center at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum reopens (and we hope soon!) bring your photos or list in and claim your prize — and it won't be a weed!

### Broadleaf Plantain

*Plantago major*

Each one of these plants can produce 20,000 seeds!



### Henbit

*Lamium amplexicaule*

At times of year when there are not many pollinating insects, the flowers self-pollinate (although bees do like it, too.)



### Dandelion

*Taraxacum*

Dandelions are one of the most vital early spring nectar sources for a wide host of pollinators



### Wild Onion or Garlic

*Allium vineale*

This weed is tolerant to herbicides, which cannot cling well to the upright smooth leaves. So pull it out!



### Purple Dead Nettle

*Lamium purpureum*

the pollen is a red color and is very noticeable on the heads of bees that frequent its flowers



### Garlic Mustard

*Alliaria petiolata*

Garlic mustard was introduced to North America as a culinary herb in the 1860s and it is now an invasive species.



### Common Chickweed

*Stellaria media*

*Stellaria* is derived from the word 'stellar' meaning 'star', which is a reference to the shape of its flowers



### Common Violet

*Viola sororia*

This flower is often found in the lawn. It the State Flower of New Jersey and will disappear when spring ends.



### White Clover

*Trifolium repens*

*Trifolium* means 'trefoil' (three-lobed leaves); *repens* means 'creeping' 'stoloniferous'



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